

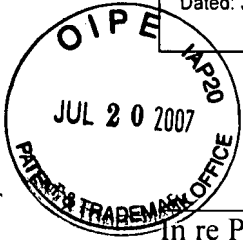
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In re Patent Application of:  
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Examiner: Mark Staples

For: Microbiological Method for Producing Petroleum  
Hydrocarbons from Solid Fossil Fuels Oil Tars  
and Products of Biological

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including July 22, 2007 to respond to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2007. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375 in the amount of \$1,020.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3).

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

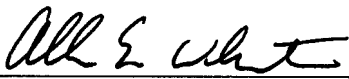
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